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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Federal Excess Property - "Blue Ribbon Panel" Briefing of GSA
Official

1. Pursuant to an oral request from Mr. Blake, Director of Logistics, the undersigned briefed Mr. Walter Moreland, Deputy Commissioner, Property Management and Disposal Service, General Services Administration (GSA), on 29 June 1970 regarding the Agency's continuing interest in the Bureau of Public Roads' (BPR) land at Langley, Virginia. (NOTE: Original intent was to brief Mr. William Wolfe, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Real Property Disposal, Property Management and Disposal Service, but due to Mr. Wolfe's pressing TDY's, he suggested briefing Mr. Moreland. They are both cognizant of Agency interests.)

2. For Mr. Moreland's convenience, and as an indication of the Agency's concern in this matter, copies of the following documents were provided:

a. Ltr dtd 16 Jun 58 to DDCI fm BPR - acknowledging receipt of DDCI's (Col. White) ltr of 27 Mar 58 in which BPR makes reference to the Scattergood-Thorne property.

25X1A b. Ltr dtd 23 Nov 65 to Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA (C. Hegner) fm ADDS [REDACTED] - referring to CIA contact with BPR on Scattergood-Thorne property and placing CIA on record with GSA as having a continuing interest.

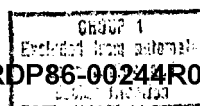
25X1A c. Ltr dtd 6 Dec 65 to ADDS [REDACTED] fm GSA (W. Moreland) - acknowledging "b" above and recognizing CIA interest in the Scattergood-Thorne property.

d. Ltr dtd 12 Jan 66 to Administrator, GSA (L. B. Knott, Jr.) fm DCI (W. F. Raborn) - indicating an interest in all of the BPR land.

e. Ltr dtd 2 Feb 66 to DCI (W. F. Raborn) fm Administrator, GSA (L. B. Knott, Jr.) - acknowledging "d" above and assuring the DCI that when the Department of Commerce declares the BPR land (a portion of it) as excess, full consideration will be given to the Agency's requirement.

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3. Mr. Moreland indicated he was aware of the Agency's interest in the BPR land and volunteered the following comments:

a. The order establishing the President's Property Review Board does not alter GSA's normal process of handling reports of excess property originating with other government agencies nor GSA's normal disposition procedures.

b. The new order does in effect give GSA the authority to survey property currently in use and not reported as excess by the using agency.

c. Should GSA's findings reveal that the property, or portion thereof, is actually excess to the using agency's needs and the agency agrees, then normal disposition procedures are again followed.

d. Should GSA find that property, or a portion thereof, is actually excess to a using agency's needs and the agency does not agree, then the matter is referred to the President's Property Review Board for adjudication.

e. GSA (Mr. Moreland's office) and the local GSA regions determine which properties to survey and establish a schedule.

f. The only property thus far referred to the Property Review Board was a military parcel in Hawaii. Mr. Moreland pointed out that the Department of Interior in this case had ready access to the Property Review Board and is seeking to influence the usage upon disposition.

4. Mr. Moreland indicated that the Department of Interior would probably be a factor in all disposition cases and would have a strong voice in the outcome. In this connection the BPR land at Langley is scheduled for a survey (Mr. Moreland personally feels it is underutilized) and should it be determined to be excess by GSA and whether BPR agrees or not that it is in fact excess, Mr. Moreland suggested that the Agency should be prepared to pursue its interests by having a "usage plan" for the required BPR property. He volunteered that he would not schedule GSA's survey of the BPR property until we advised him that we had such a plan. The undersigned expressed his appreciation and stated that we had an established Building Planning Staff and a "usage plan" was being developed.

5. The undersigned then, on an informal basis, advised Mr. Morland that the Agency had a high degree of interest (not sponsorship) of activities at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and we would appreciate being advised if there was any indication of a contemplated survey of the property. Mr. Moreland agreed. He seemed

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to remember that [REDACTED] had been discussed orally, but a search of his file indicated nothing had been recorded and he, therefore, assumed it had been dropped from consideration.

6. In closing, a casual "by the way" reference to the Burling tract revealed that Mr. Moreland had no knowledge of the matter other than that it was of prime concern to Fairfax County.

7. The meeting was most cordial and satisfactory. Not only in this instance but on several other occasions, Mr. Moreland has always been most co-operative and helpful.

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